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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Joseph "Joe" Sisolak of Waukegan, who passed away on November 4, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Edward Sisolak, Jr., was born January 30, 1917, in North Chicago, to Joseph and Magdalena Polak Sisolak; he was a lifelong Waukegan area resident, where he lived with his wife Marie of 69 years; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of St. Anastasia Catholic Church In Waukegan and the Professional Golfers Association of America, Illinois Section, for 54 years; and

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WHEREAS, He learned to play golf in the early 1930s while a caddy at Glen Flora Country Club, where he became caddy master and assistant pro; in 2003 he was elected to the PGA, Illinois Section, Golf Hall of Fame to recognize both his accomplishments as a player and the untold thousands of hours he volunteered teaching golf to youngsters in the Waukegan area and helping disabled veterans at Downey Veterans Hospital in North Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, He and his wife Marie volunteered for 52 years with the Swing Club at Downey Veterans Hospital, where the golf

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1 course was named in their honor; he taught junior boys and
2 girls how to play golf at his golf driving range in the 1950s,
3 Bonnie Brook Golf Course, the First Tee Program at Foss Park
4 Golf Course, and the Joe Sisolak Park on Blanchard Road in
5 Waukegan; the park was named in his honor to recognize his
6 contributions to the Waukegan community; and

7 WHEREAS, His golfing honors include: member of the Waukegan
8 Sports Hall of Fame; Exchange Club, Book of Golden Deeds Award;
9 Life Member of the PGA Half Century Club; first recipient of
10 the Chick Evans Award; golf instructor of the 1991-92 Waukegan
11 High School State championship girls golf team; and Grand
12 Marshal (along with his wife, Marie) of the 1998 Fourth of July
13 parade; and eight of his former pupils went on to be golf
14 professionals; and

15 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie; and

16 WHEREAS, Joseph Sisolak is survived by his sons, Tom
17 Sisolak and wife, Jane, and Bill Sisolak and wife, Vira; his
18 grandchildren, Mary Beth Sisolak Wagner and husband, Dale,
19 Michael Sisolak and wife, Ilyse, and Brian Sisolak and wife,
20 Ericka; two great-grandchildren, Zoie and Mackenzie Sisolak;
21 his sister, Millie Semasko; and many nieces, nephews, and
22 loving friends; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 his family and friends, the passing of Joseph Sisolak; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Jospheh Sisolak as a symbol of our
7 sincere sympathy.